

MOVING TO CURB RENT PROFITEERS

Committee of Labor Men to
Call on Mayor Hylan to
Take Action.

Unless the city or State takes immediate action to curb the rapacity of rent profiteers of New York city one million workmen in the city will take the bit in their teeth and try to attain by a general strike what less strenuous methods have failed to accomplish, according to Edward I. Hannah, president of the Central Federated Union. Of the few other labor leaders who could be reached last night the majority believed

a resort to a strike would not be necessary. A committee of labor representatives will call upon Mayor Hylan Tuesday or Wednesday to request that immediate action be taken looking to the reduction of rents throughout the city and punishment of rent profiteers. The committee, headed by Mr. Hannah, will have as its members Ernest Bohm, corresponding secretary of the Central Federated Union; Matthew McConville, business agent of the Safety Engineers Union; William Kohn of the American Labor party and Morris Brown, treasurer of the Central Federated Union. In the belief that the Mayor's Committee already has accomplished as much as it can with the limited authority behind it, the Labor delegation is preparing an immediate appeal to the State Legislature. Mr. Hannah said that prominent lawyers whom the committee consulted declared they believed that since exorbitant interest on loans is illegal exorbitant rents are illegal. A law is being drafted, Mr. Hannah said, giving municipal court justices the power to summon owners of houses

in which excessive rents are being demanded with the object of showing whether they are getting more than a "reasonable" return on their investment. If they are, the law will give the justice power to reduce their income by lowering rents. Failure of the owner to comply with the court orders will be punishable by a fine of \$500 or three months' imprisonment. "If this thing continues," said Mr. Hannah, "it's going to drive the working men to desperation, and there is only one way they can resist and that is to stop production. There is no question but that all other means of securing justice having failed, 1,000,000 men in this city would strike to get out of the clutches of this band of highway-men." Ernest Bohm, secretary of the Central Federated Union, endorsed Mr. Hannah's assertion. He said that approval of the attitude adopted by the officers of the C. F. U. was given at the regular weekly meeting of the organization in Labor Temple Friday night.

GIANT SEAPLANES PLANNED FOR NAVY

\$12,890,000 Aviation Programme for 1921 Asked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Construction of two giant seaplanes, twice the size of the transatlantic NC-4 and larger than any in the world, is planned by the Navy Department, the House Naval Committee was told today by Capt. T. T. Craven, director of naval aviation. He asked for \$12,890,000 for this work and proposed a naval aviation programme costing \$12,890,000 for 1921. Besides the two big planes Capt. Craven recommended four new NC planes, 150 smaller ones, one large rigid dirigible, costing \$2,794,000, three smaller non-rigid dirigibles, thirty-eight kite balloons and six free balloons. Capt. Craven said Great Britain and Italy were planning to build planes similar to the large one which the American Navy hopes to complete in eighteen

months. The American machines would have a carrying capacity of thirty tons, a wing spread of 140 feet, and would be capable of weathering high seas if forced to land on the water, he said. Capt. Craven also asked that Congress provide \$10,000,000 for new air stations, \$7,000,000 for maintenance of existing stations and \$7,000,000 for experiment work.

Guatemalans Aid Honduran Rebels
Mexico City, Feb. 7.—Honduran revolutionaries are receiving assistance from revolutionary factions in Guatemala, according to advices received by the Mexican Foreign Office yesterday. It is said that, working together, they are able to make their operations more effective.

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N. Y. Restaurant Man Dying
When Found in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Unusual conditions surrounding the death by accident of Leon C. Riggs, wealthy restaurant man of New York city, have caused announcement by the County Coroner

that he will conduct an investigation and will hold an inquest Monday. Mr. Riggs was picked up by an unidentified automobilist and taken to a hospital Thursday evening. The automobilist said he found him in the street and the circumstances indicated he had been struck by a street car. The patient died without regaining consciousness. His skull had been fractured. Mr. Riggs had been living here, and a nurse employed to assist him said he had left the house to assist a guest to

the street car. The next word of Mr. Riggs, she said, was a report of his death. The person reporting it did not disclose his identity. The nurse said Mr. Riggs had been spending his winters in southern California for several years. He left a widow and daughter in New York city and two brothers, Joseph Riggs of Covington, Ky., and the Rev. Milton Riggs of St. Louis. He had recently bought home here for \$150,000, but resold it a few days later.




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